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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION

OF AMINES FROM COMPOUNDS COMPRISING CARBODIIMIDE GROUPS, BY HYDROLYSIS WITH

WATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.